

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation profession in California "Creates Community through People, Parks and Programs"; and

WHEREAS, thousands of children, adults, and seniors benefit from the wide range of services, facilities, and programs provided by the City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, our parks help to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of our city, as well as throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation services support more productive workforces, enhance the desirability of locations for business and families, and stimulate tourism revenues to increase a total community development model; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation strengthens community image and sense of place, and increases cultural unity; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation promotes health and wellness, reduces health care costs, facilitates community problem solving, strengthens safety and security, and reducing juvenile crime; and

WHEREAS, our Parks and Recreation professionals foster human development: helping young to people develop and grow into healthy adults, and helping adults continue to live longer,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim July as PARKS & RECREATION MONTH and encourage all residents to enjoy and recognize the social, physical, mental, economic, environmental, and community benefits derived from our Parks and Recreation programs and activities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 28th day of June, 2006.

Masty Blum, MAYOR